THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) Public Distribution System is implemented under joint responsibility of Central Government and State Govts/ UT Administrations. State Governments have been instructed to constitute vigiliance Committees at Fair Price Shop (PDS shop), taluk, district and State level for reviewing the working of PDS in association with intended beneficiaries. At the Fair Price Shop (Public Distribution Shop) level, the Vigilance Committee can include a few ration card holders attached to the shop (some of whom should be women), elected President of the panchayat or Municipal Councillor, consumer activists and other social workers of repute. The Panchayats & Nagar Palikas may be given responsibility for reviewing the working of fair price shops (public distribution shops).

(d) Fair Price Shops (Public Distribution Shops) are directly accountable to respective State Govts.

Sub-Standard Electrical Goods in Markets

4471. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that markets in the country are flooded with sub-standard goods, particularly electrical goods, which are harmful for the consumers;

(b) if so, the steps Government and Bureau of Indian Standards (B. I. S.) have taken to check the sale of sub-standard goods in the country;

(c) whether BIS had conducted any raids during the last two years to unearth the sale of sub-standard goods, particularly, electrical goods, in the country;

(d) if so, the State and Union Territory-wise details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the traders found guilty by BIS?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Some instances of sale of sub-standard goods including electrical goods have been brought to the notice of bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

(b) Under the Voluntary Certification Scheme of the Bureau of Indian Standards, the licensees have to ensure conformity of the products to Indian Standards. As a part of surveillance activity, BIS purchases "standard mark" goods from the market for testing. In case the samples do not meet the requirements of the Standards, action is taken against the manufacturers under the relevant provisions of the BIS Act. However, household electrical appliances like, water heaters, irons, stoves and radiators are covered under mandatory certification and cannot be sold without the ISI mark. Action against non-implementation of mandatory certification is taken by the respective State Govt. agencies under the relevant quality Control Orders.

A Standing Committee on Enforcement headed by Shri H.D. Shourie, a well-known consumer activist has been set up in the BIS to provide guidance to the Bureau on enforcement and prevention of misuse of ISI mark, Nodal Enforcement Officers have also been nominated in all the branch offices

of the BIS to interact with the Nodal Officers of the State Governments.

(c) and (d) State-wise distribution of the raids conducted by BIS during 1995-96 and 1996-97, is given in the Statement (*see* below).

(e) As and when the BIS come across any case of misuse of ISI Mark, action as envisaged under the BIS Act, 1986 and the Rules framed thereunder is taken against the erring manufacturing company. BIS has launched 26 prosecution cases during the period 1995-96 and 1996-97.

Statement

State-wise distribution of raids conducted by BIS 1995-96 and 1996-97

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Product	State
1	2	3	4
1995-96			
1.	Kamakshi Enterprises, Vijawada	Stable Bleaching Powder	AP
2.	Banarsi Das & Co. Delhi	M S Tubes	Delhi
3.	Mesh Industries, Delhi	Gas Stoves	Delhi
4.	Krishna Water Meter, Delhi	Water Meter	Delhi
5.	Ghazipur Dairy Farm Area, Delhi	Cement	Delhi
6.	Daulat Ram Gupta, Samalakha	Cement	Haryana
7.	Praxiz Engineer Pvt Ltd., Saharanpur	Electric Iron & Mixer	Haryana
8.	Ashok Lamps/Stellar Lamps Bangalore	G L Lamps	Karnataka
9.	Rekha Cement & Chemicals, Gulbarga	Cement	Karnataka
10.	Traders of M S Tubes in Pune	M S Pipes	Maharashtra
11.	Chandrakant & Co., Bombay	Fire Extinguisher	Maharashtra
12.	Aims Food Products, Bombay	Corn Flakes	Maharashtra
13.	Classic Ispat Pvt Ltd., Derabasi	M S Tubes	Punjab
14.	Kamal Paints, Calcutta	Paints & Mixer	W. B.
1996-97			
15.	Balaji Enterprises, Hyderabad	Diesel	A. P.
16.	Citi Air-conditioning Inds. Delhi	Room Air Conditioners	Delhi
17.	Bishan Kumar Goel, Delhi	Cement	Delhi
18.	Dharamraj Yadav, Delhi	GLS Lamps	Delhi
19.	Shivhans Electric Co. Delhi	GLS Lamps	Delhi
20.	Anchor Electricals Pvt Ltd., United Marketting, Valsad	MCBs	Gujarat
21.	Aditya Cement Co., Rajkot	Cement	Gujarat
22.	Switchcraft Industries, Valsad	MCBs	Gujarat
23.	Prince Pipe & Fittings P Ltd. Silvasa.	UPVC Pipes	Gujarat
24.	Akshay Pumps & Engg. Pvt. Ltd. Ahmedabad	Submersible/ Monoset Pumps	Gujarat

1	2	3	4
25.	Narayana Industries Bangalore	Submersible Pumps	Karnataka
26.	Thapar Concast Ltd., Ludhiana	M S Tubes	Punjab
27.	Atul engineering Enterprises Ludhiana	M S Tubes	Punjab
28.	Himalaya Industries, Agra	SCI Soil Pipes and Fittings	U. P.
29.	Himalaya Cement, Shikohabad	Cement	U. P.
30.	Vishal Pipe Udyog Ltd., Sikandrabad	M S Tubes	U. P.
31.	Agarwal Tubes Pvt Ltd., Muzaffarnagar	M S Tubes	U. P.
32.	Singhal Pesticides Industries, Muzaffarnagar	Endosulfan 35% EC	U. P.
33.	Shivalik Tubes Pvt Ltd., Muzaffarnagar	M S Tubes	U. P.
34.	Deluxe Cement Mills P Ltd., Meerut	Cement	U. P.
35.	B M Cement P Ltd. Meerut	Cement	U. P.
36.	S D Cements P Ltd, Meerut	Cement	U. P.
37.	Shree Cement Indus, Shikohabad	Cement	U. P.
38.	M R Lamps, Meerut	GLS Lamps	U. P.
39.	Gulab Cements P Ltd., Meerut	Cement	U. P.
40.	R.C. Rubber Product, Calcutta	Rubber, Canvas Boots, Miners	W. B.
41.	Yonex (Electro) Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta	Wate Filter Candles.	W. B.

Identification of the poor under PDS

4472. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is a scheme for providing wheat, rice and other consumer goods at half of their prices under Public Distribution System to specifically identified poor people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries identified under the scheme and the targets, if any, fixed for the current year and the progress made therein, so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) foodgrains will be issued at specially subsidised prices which are about half the Central Issue Prices to the Below Poverty Line households at the rate of 10 kgs. per month per household. Other commodities such as kerosene, edible oil and sugar will be provided at the usual subsidised prices to all the ration card holders.

(b) and (c) The detailed guidelines for implementation of the Targeted PDS have been issued to all the States/Uts. Under the guidelines, it is proposed to adopt the provisional estimates arrived at by the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 adopting the methodology of